SCs/STs. through various training programmes, financial assistance, design and technical development, infrastructure facilities, marketing facilities etc. Since the Handicrafts and Handlooms sectors of the Textile Industry provide employment to vast number of people belonging to weaker sections particularly SCs/STs, Government have recently launched new comprehensive schemes named "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana" and "Deen Dayal Hatkaragha Protsahan Yojana" in the Handicrafts and Handlooms sectors respectively to take care of the employment opportunities and economic growth of craftsmen and weavers in these two sectors respectively.

Depletion in export of textiles to the US

3177. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile exports from India to the US have been adversely affected by the recent developments as a result of terrorists attacks in that country during this year;

(b) if so, the quantum of textiles exported to the US during the last two years;

(c) whether Government have explored new markets for export of textiles; and

(d) if so, how far the new markets have helped the exporters to make up the depletion in the export of textiles to America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) A declining trend is noticed in the textile exports to US since the beginning of year 2001, mainly due to general slowdown in the US economy which got accentuated due to September 11, 2001 attacks.

(b) The value of textiles exports to US and other countries in the last two years are given below:—

(US $ Million)

	1999-00	2000-01
Textiles exports to all countries	10508.5	12097.4
Of which:		
Share of US	2737.5	3218.7

Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta.

(c) and (d) Buyer-seller meets/participation in fairs are being organised by Export Promotion Councils to develop alternative markets. These have helped in promoting exports to other destinations. In any case, US share in the total textile exports is less than 30%.

Target for exports by textile indusltry

†3178. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any target for export by textile industry has been fixed for the current financial year;

(b) if so, the value of the exports targeted to be made and the value of the export which have been made from the country by the end of September, 2001;

(c) whether it is also a fact that curtailment has been made in the target keeping in view the future prospects of exports; and

(d) if so, to what extend curtailment has been made in this target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target for the year 2001-2002 has been kept at US $ 12,100 million. Textile export during the period April-September, 2001 amounted to US $ 5346.5 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The target has been revised from the earlier figure of US $ 13,715 million.

Co-operative, Public/Private Sectors textile mills in Assam

†3179. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills being run in co-operative, public and private sectors at present in the State of Assam;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.